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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES SHOW MONTHLY DECLINE, WHILE THEIR LEAD OVER YEAR-AGO NARROWS

NEW YORK, December 16 - - Dun & Bradstreet reports that after three consecutive advances, building permits in the 200 largest cities slipped 7.4 per cent in April, to $2,456,791,560 from $2,652,435,406 in March. However, permits in April still posted an increase over their year-ago level - - for the tenth straight month - - as dollar volume rose 0.2 per cent from $2,451,179,009 in April 1979. Nonetheless, this latest year-to-year increase was the smallest of the ten.

Plans filed by builders in New York fell some 80.9 per cent during April, to $52,077,010, after a quite accelerated pace of $272,511,228 the month before. But, filings in New York also slumped 42.6 per cent below their year-earlier mark of $90,747,127.

Contrary to New York's slowdown, permit valuations for the 199 cities outside New York actually moved slightly higher in April, reaching $2,404,714,550. This was 1.0 per cent larger than $2,379,924,178 in the previous month, and 1.9 per cent above the $2,360,431,882 recorded April 1979. Permit activity rebounded fully in Philadelphia and Detroit following downturns in March; Dallas, as well, registered a large jump from March. These three cities - - plus Houston - - likewise saw sizeable improvements over a year earlier.

Despite the modest performance in April, total permit volume in the 200 cities for the first four months of 1980 were up 16.5 per cent from the comparable four months in 1979, $9,774,469,710 versus $8,392,685,937. Houston led all other cities with valuations totalling more than $800 million.

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2. APRIL BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES

	1980	1979	1978	1977
January.....	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475
February....	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159
March.....	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441
April.....	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353
May.....		2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958
June.....		2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861
July.....		2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619
August.....		2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131
September...		2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053
October.....		2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510
November....		2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094
December....		2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368
TOTAL		$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first four months of 1980 were:

		(Millions of Dollars) Four Months 1980	% Change Four Months 1979	
1.	Houston, Texas	812.2	+	5.0
2.	Los Angeles, California	624.0	+	31.7
3.	New York, New York	430.7	+	125.2
4.	Dallas, Texas	346.1	-	1.0
5.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	286.1	+	444.6
6.	San Francisco, California	281.0	+	231.3
7.	Chicago, Illinois	225.4	+	28.1
8.	Phoenix, Arizona	209.4	-	10.6
9.	Austin, Texas	187.0	+	17.3
10.	Honolulu, Hawaii	182.7	+	21.3
11.	Seattle, Washington	177.7	+	69.4
12.	Atlanta, Georgia	175.3	+	31.1
13.	San Diego, California	172.9	-	14.5
14.	Detroit, Michigan	135.6	+	117.1
15.	Washington, D.C.	117.2	+	40.4
16.	Memphis, Tennessee	116.2	+	147.3
17.	San Jose, California	111.3	-	4.6
18.	Indianapolis, Indiana	104.9	+	11.7
19.	Portland, Oregon	97.7	+	16.1
20.	Boston, Massachusetts	96.2	-	0.0
21.	Jacksonville, Florida	95.6	+	47.6
22.	Baltimore, Maryland	93.5	+	130.9
23.	San Antonio, Texas	90.3	-	25.7
24.	Denver, Colorado	88.7	-	6.6
25.	Columbus, Ohio	86.8	-	18.2

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		APRIL 1980	FOUR MONTHS 1980	FOUR MONTHS 1979
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	10,252,900	284,121,689	88,644,395
	BRONX	13,900,550	24,299,760	5,434,650
	BROOKLYN	1,263,900	39,768,350	20,282,260
	QUEENS	20,666,250	48,241,712	38,408,760
	RICHMOND	5,493,410	34,251,630	38,447,485
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	52,077,010	430,683,141	191,737,530
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	21,257,942	225,368,818	175,880,631
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	168,566,604	624,043,404	473,760,696
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	128,820,228	286,132,033	52,542,204
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	64,397,086	135,569,563	62,458,807
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	288,090,433	812,247,366	773,564,192
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	24,761,416	93,461,634	40,484,956
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	154,863,661	346,057,837	349,569,565
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	8,912,131	117,246,587	83,486,390
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	3,085,962	29,554,851	43,316,402
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	16,337,968	104,857,536	93,849,594
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	17,087,535	54,328,661	27,219,075
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	19,959,980	280,999,981	84,815,791
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	23,093,102	172,896,125	202,141,532
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	20,425,789	90,277,423	121,486,436
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	12,138,000	96,[illegible],200	96,207,637
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	21,236,019	131,[illegible],710	46,977,707
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	11,291,102	52,[illegible],920	17,976,751
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	17,663,003	44,[illegible],446	59,351,685
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	39,802,534	209,449,639	234,321,338
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	25,232,934	86,819,327	106,098,449
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	27,499,893	177,719,771	104,892,714
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	19,178,788	95,569,133	64,730,914
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	4,132,145	26,112,044	44,241,386
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	23,541,641	88,726,069	94,965,669
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	14,452,950	49,899,892	44,864,343
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	47,511,091	175,288,479	133,703,154
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	1,389,796	11,841,544	9,104,068
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	32,204,998	62,127,413	38,773,686
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	5,048,051	48,811,996	61,410,303
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	16,300,069	111,260,482	116,612,469
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	14,129,026	73,187,778	102,699,129
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	21,913,338	72,512,149	81,654,240
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	8,807,921	32,103,237	33,718,241
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	22,151,080	92,669,660	86,150,296
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	481,875	5,870,594	12,051,410
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	26,819,367	81,834,284	94,589,408
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	21,024,889	55,612,775	29,363,786
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	998,245	15,965,033	11,010,083
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	6,913,305	43,938,717	33,429,742
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	7,154,955	25,333,668	47,351,854
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	39,028,431	76,978,564	56,725,019
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	12,754,322	83,339,384	76,398,950
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	40,032,753	182,707,608	150,638,387
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	13,862,979	70,802,719	69,367,359
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	5,827,669	29,662,036	27,405,554
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	4,042,000	14,757,109	13,054,754
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	5,915,704	48,846,754	29,775,030
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	8,014,780	21,499,224	6,786,832
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	16,521,599	68,082,146	27,944,056
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	11,325,349	40,942,881	54,002,517
52.	AKRON, OHIO	4,942,256	19,826,213	11,634,454
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	7,409,212	43,512,218	61,714,041
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	332,900	16,545,988	7,210,911
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	9,691,547	40,435,258	94,230,720
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	71,771,415	186,954,065	159,330,877
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	5,362,623	48,943,148	18,866,931
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	11,038,542	54,001,630	84,785,663
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	6,820,816	26,454,571	28,981,978
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	11,691,636	46,341,952	40,038,132
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	7,489,865	33,140,455	35,261,085
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	5,900,035	59,925,496	58,960,685
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	570,775	7,105,480	6,743,069
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	6,416,037	13,128,282	21,341,397
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	14,277,793	31,199,348	13,753,310
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	872,863	3,321,210	8,784,515
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	6,969,832	14,827,204	15,149,072
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	10,954,661	43,551,302	24,782,662
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	1,946,454	23,058,388	13,741,535
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	410,529	1,241,770	2,085,799
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,061,700	7,937,500	11,131,500
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	29,554,758	65,901,382	17,857,556
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	1,821,445	11,728,663	5,340,517
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	8,543,241	28,253,705	38,023,787
75.	GARY, INDIANA	811,212	2,753,291	9,183,783
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	6,515,382	21,177,276	26,517,581
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	5,270,551	18,185,030	22,703,042
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	20,436,666	67,420,545	82,830,646
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	1,727,734	34,988,675	27,314,514
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	3,843,902	6,786,166	19,262,688
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	1,404,688	38,717,326	33,960,900
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	12,381,344	53,187,853	80,792,188
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	9,254,115	42,932,860	44,696,446
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	2,089,037	15,432,606	14,384,661
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	18,457,663	38,259,915	16,694,258
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	5,952,893	23,151,260	26,335,490
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	1,859,000	5,404,109	6,708,653
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	7,448,285	20,198,481	34,436,137
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	3,432,705	40,145,957	18,749,913
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	9,838,074	30,753,812	23,389,362
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	6,064,200	24,706,280	14,817,219
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	7,525,415	24,944,885	35,531,718
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	1,637,810	15,354,756	12,591,012
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	1,313,457	12,067,158	6,422,004
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	5,951,133	20,921,089	15,955,537
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	1,388,622	18,526,596	19,589,950
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	202,683	1,650,852	1,041,192
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	5,319,510	44,924,450	18,972,075
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	8,097,514	11,225,555	7,291,133
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	3,068,871	8,660,578	17,373,706
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	2,847,741	31,161,588	21,185,171
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	853,998	32,753,463	4,016,222
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	18,243,578	68,880,289	63,729,795
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	7,072,890	17,529,780	9,183,775
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	4,091,200	26,586,500	31,325,600
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA	6,010,283	35,986,036	19,526,515
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	4,024,198	27,782,324	36,498,769
108.	LITTLE ROCK	5,482,312	27,224,081	52,309,029
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	1,095,806	5,936,947	31,060,282
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	533,770	5,309,148	10,348,805
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	2,282,100	48,185,682	23,681,832
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	2,323,140	15,095,479	16,230,937
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	6,886,460	43,535,636	60,827,113
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	1,693,743	8,105,384	18,112,816
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	5,268,659	9,782,990	13,571,308
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	985,558	9,491,496	16,499,514
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	4,345,289	14,127,945	24,660,152
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CALIFORNIA	6,109,539	37,626,206	38,794,251
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	1,826,762	8,143,372	9,620,678
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	3,030,708	14,456,590	26,245,258
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	3,158,242	36,203,691	17,003,220
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	3,723,434	15,222,886	12,908,600
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	1,127,401	16,160,542	6,608,122
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	5,701,652	20,652,613	25,202,256
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	31,609,019	52,207,493	29,532,165
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	4,396,293	7,496,902	3,220,153
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	3,150,751	22,926,143	7,571,160
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	4,091,077	16,147,928	20,724,811
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	846,672	3,968,070	1,904,445
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	2,807,690	10,451,421	11,533,451
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,001,600	2,896,260	8,969,634
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	1,977,614	44,851,704	17,061,080
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	4,016,576	9,641,411	17,863,091
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	1,269,590	9,588,408	18,147,905
135.	CANTON, OHIO	16,035,580	20,668,125	14,287,350
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	1,324,919	4,980,280	5,149,160
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	1,091,388	15,742,548	83,455,274
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	6,375,435	31,035,911	36,146,620
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	1,090,570	8,816,509	2,369,664
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	3,347,624	6,925,134	15,973,496
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	14,090,285	33,912,998	45,910,410
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	6,318,958	57,859,803	15,568,266
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	782,033	3,052,364	1,627,608
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	4,641,907	21,752,907	21,568,113
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	2,165,551	6,255,290	47,128,260
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	383,248	8,025,618	2,082,513
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	650,792	1,004,740	1,557,521
148.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	2,197,179	9,373,694	25,328,028
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,047,762	3,855,266	4,099,730
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	14,833,400	35,536,900	21,142,900
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	6,511,634	20,305,428	6,791,691
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	11,001,090	35,996,847	3,820,213
153.	PARMA, OHIO	2,426,000	3,820,400	15,275,000
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	1,534,974	13,601,090	9,422,413
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	22,624,727	67,827,088	27,713,048
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	1,866,125	7,577,857	9,761,015
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	8,029,275	20,370,052	28,606,897
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	861,579	4,967,017	14,464,714
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	2,293,503	51,550,467	25,376,798
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	116,165	600,560	1,326,149
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	4,607,508	11,755,579	26,649,721
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	4,508,280	33,084,266	34,273,280
163.	WACO, TEXAS	5,173,758	31,239,821	34,080,108
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	3,844,249	4,768,210	4,875,013
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	1,172,485	11,210,316	13,309,380
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	4,102,898	25,650,329	24,979,494
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	13,278,333	31,262,786	23,938,454
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	1,006,644	9,231,797	7,008,231
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	466,808	17,508,102	2,274,660
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	1,307,920	3,198,926	2,112,350
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	3,773,887	7,994,996	14,667,597
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	76,000	1,183,374	607,509
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	843,272	2,223,397	3,720,884
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	16,511,763	79,269,895	80,085,747
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	1,547,748	7,016,692	12,715,029
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	583,450	2,284,116	1,996,221
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	980,322	16,016,136	8,896,223
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	3,766,588	21,433,308	22,367,076
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	4,670,151	21,075,451	31,221,244
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	714,996	13,231,553	18,607,654
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,215,396	2,050,541	4,156,017
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	2,429,715	31,611,180	14,483,145
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,810,615	2,803,862	1,576,843
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,005,741	6,663,463	7,066,262
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	22,350,220	41,215,222	25,660,263
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	384,080	1,394,200	765,300
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	433,692	9,468,903	1,464,060
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	1,365,342	5,866,724	13,804,379
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	3,474,262	6,287,571	9,636,124
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	4,641,181	14,797,848	38,114,127
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	827,589	3,460,787	2,742,184
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	9,324,573	19,451,684	27,174,642
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	8,543,886	78,162,952	19,199,223
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	2,748,955	4,934,713	5,608,790
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	193,772	2,354,006	9,560,118
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	872,894	5,324,129	20,954,925
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	12,954,445	14,179,890	3,138,427
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	7,686,536	11,061,281	7,957,759
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	490,600	2,050,580	4,145,135
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	271,367	43,954,421	36,093,078
	TOTALS: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	2,456,791,560	9,774,469,710	8,392,685,937

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES DROP DESPITE SIZEABLE ADVANCES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, January 23--Extending the downturn of the prior month, building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities dropped again in May, reports Dun & Bradstreet. May permits totalled $2,315,891,724, some 5.7 per cent below the $2,456,791,560 April level. And, for the first time in eleven months, permit values in the 200 cities fell below their year-earlier mark. After a minimal year-to-year increase in April, valuations in the succeeding month plunged 16.6 per cent under their comparable May 1979 total of $2,777,967,467.

In contrast to these declines, plans filed by builders in New York showed sizeable improvements. Filings in the city reached $95,070,499 in May, fully 82.6 per cent above their month-earlier $52,077,010 volume. Plans also advanced 41.0 per cent from $67,403,494 twelve months earlier.

Valuations in the 199 cities (excluding New York) declined 7.6 per cent during May --to $2,220,821,225, from $2,404,714,550 the month before. They also slowed 18.1 per cent in comparison to their May 1979 pace of $2,710,563,973. Permit activity in Houston subsided markedly from both month-ago and year-ago levels; however, standing at $146.3 million, this still represented the second highest total in the nation. Only Los Angeles had a higher figure in May--nearly $174 million.

Aggregate dollar volume in the 200 cities reached $12,090,361,434 during the first five months of 1980, 8.2 per cent more than the $11,170,653,404 reached in the like five months of 1979. Of the twenty-five cities with the largest aggregate volume, all but five posted increases over year-earlier. Philadelphia saw volume grow more than four-fold (from that of first five months of 1979). San Francisco's valuations almost tripled while those for Baltimore and New York doubled.

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2. MAY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES

	1980	1979	1978	1977
January.....	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475
February....	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159
March.....	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441
April.....	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353
May.....	2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958
June.....		2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861
July.....		2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619
August.....		2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131
September...		2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053
October.....		2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510
November....		2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094
December....		2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368
TOTAL		$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first five months of 1980 were:

		(Millions of Dollars) Five Months 1980	% Change Five Months 1979
1.	Houston, Texas	958.5	- 4.1
2.	Los Angeles, California	797.8	+ 25.7
3.	New York, New York	525.8	+ 103.3
4.	Dallas, Texas	447.2	+ 5.4
5.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	324.6	+ 365.2
6.	Chicago, Illinois	322.5	+ 12.5
7.	San Francisco, California	309.1	+ 180.1
8.	Phoenix, Arizona	257.0	- 12.4
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii	228.5	+ 15.8
10.	Austin, Texas	211.6	+ 8.9
11.	San Diego, California	204.7	- 20.3
12.	Seattle, Washington	195.7	+ 25.1
13.	Atlanta, Georgia	186.7	+ 6.0
14.	Washington, D.C.	171.7	+ 39.9
15.	Detroit, Michigan	155.0	+ 87.2
16.	Memphis, Tennessee	139.4	+ 91.5
17.	San Jose, California	135.5	- 13.2
18.	San Antonio, Texas	132.4	- 11.3
19.	Boston, Massachusetts	129.5	+ 1.0
20.	Indianapolis, Indiana	128.9	+ 1.8
21.	Fort Worth, Texas	121.2	+ 15.3
22.	Baltimore, Maryland	112.5	+ 106.0
23.	Portland, Oregon	111.8	+ 6.3
24.	Tulsa, Oklahoma	111.4	+ 4.0
25.	Jacksonville, Florida	110.3	+ 37.3

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		MAY 1980	FIVE MONTHS 1980	FIVE MONTHS 1979
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	52,664,351	336,786,040	122,702,295
	BRONX	2,104,590	26,404,350	10,611,168
	BROOKLYN	14,423,950	54,192,300	30,521,160
	QUEENS	23,759,860	72,001,572	45,286,440
	RICHMOND	2,117,748	36,369,378	49,519,941
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	95,070,499	523,753,640	258,641,024
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	97,083,638	322,452,456	286,680,078
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	173,775,314	797,818,718	634,537,083
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	38,512,758	324,644,791	69,788,361
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	19,413,348	134,982,911	87,775,868
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	148,284,493	958,511,859	1,000,004,714
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	19,028,229	112,489,863	54,602,443
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	101,113,918	447,171,755	424,165,046
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	54,437,869	171,684,456	122,716,125
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	13,205,460	42,760,311	47,549,337
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	24,064,700	128,922,236	126,603,337
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	7,805,758	62,132,419	61,015,564
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	28,089,726	309,089,627	110,336,305
14.	SANDIEGO, CALIFORNIA	31,798,407	204,694,532	258,944,704
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	42,105,294	132,382,717	149,240,470
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	33,274,900	129,461,100	128,173,637
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	23,276,544	139,430,254	72,794,544
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	6,335,154	59,244,074	32,239,623
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	11,818,501	55,908,945	147,432,474
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	47,585,655	257,035,296	293,290,727
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	20,811,739	107,631,066	138,014,194
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	17,985,957	195,705,728	156,402,935
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	14,734,524	110,303,657	80,352,183
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	28,158,546	54,270,590	51,286,909
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	13,666,886	102,392,955	125,783,725
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	13,477,264	53,377,156	64,398,107
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	11,443,390	186,731,869	176,163,020
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	1,699,918	13,541,662	11,799,109
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	21,564,391	83,691,804	63,197,377
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	15,116,753	63,928,749	94,967,197
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	24,203,314	135,463,796	156,057,611
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	16,342,264	89,530,042	111,609,193
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	43,664,521	121,176,660	105,058,998
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	3,739,690	35,842,717	47,987,603
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	14,145,560	111,815,220	105,213,856
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	3,522,694	9,393,288	13,612,290
37.	OKALHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	21,405,691	103,239,975	117,287,701
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	8,539,472	64,172,247	35,603,403
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	4,721,384	20,686,417	13,014,948
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	3,956,310	47,895,027	41,376,267
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	3,245,968	28,579,636	57,338,259
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	16,514,594	93,493,158	67,586,034
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	28,051,194	111,390,578	107,123,750
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	45,802,096	228,509,704	197,366,829
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	14,672,789	85,475,508	93,577,044
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	41,599,121	71,261,157	39,449,824
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	14,680,072	29,437,181	20,481,118
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	19,609,317	68,456,071	45,750,881
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	2,169,910	23,669,134	10,270,521
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	7,505,701	75,587,847	38,122,593
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	12,886,128	53,829,010	75,011,882
52.	AKRON, OHIO	3,830,245	23,656,458	15,703,836
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	8,854,115	52,366,331	86,370,875
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	1,286,722	17,832,710	9,028,856
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	16,935,406	57,370,664	114,894,503
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	24,657,700	211,611,765	194,326,320
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	4,322,545	53,265,693	20,511,842
58	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	38,836,512	92,838,142	121,446,000
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	4,888,203	31,342,774	42,269,310
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	19,413,737	65,755,689	52,124,895
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	7,181,805	40,322,260	41,823,703
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	20,761,990	80,687,486	77,153,113
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	3,728,302	10,833,782	7,315,723
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	3,817,249	16,945,531	20,089,984
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	21,135,719	52,335,067	17,493,328
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	469,174	3,790,384	35,729,933
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	1,646,649	16,473,853	17,653,238
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	38,214,545	81,765,847	38,554,191
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	10,810,696	33,869,084	48,868,079
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	520,889	1,762,659	2,754,911
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,702,475	9,639,975	13,504,975
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	6,560,034	72,461,416	24,597,755
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	975,042	12,703,705	6,091,019
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	7,292,099	35,545,804	54,757,003
75.	GARY, INDIANA	1,277,964	4,031,255	10,014,780
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	5,536,602	26,713,878	34,612,384
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	5,573,887	23,758,917	28,612,204
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	18,357,430	85,777,975	103,113,156
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	11,655,300	46,643,975	37,629,896
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	4,210,724	10,996,890	24,454,070
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	8,709,029	47,426,355	44,199,132
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	10,946,984	64,134,837	92,496,035
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	9,695,017	52,627,877	60,706,401
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	5,105,802	20,538,408	18,105,348
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	6,723,068	44,982,983	23,235,518
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	9,388,712	32,539,972	30,347,991
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	667,405	6,076,514	7,766,042
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	6,502,598	26,701,079	43,757,106
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	4,028,065	44,174,022	23,267,982
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	5,801,554	36,555,368	30,385,640
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	8,520,378	33,226,858	28,795,994
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	6,472,817	31,417,702	42,816,669
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	3,815,394	19,170,150	16,562,873
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	599,498	12,666,656	7,163,893
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	6,582,508	27,503,597	21,536,496
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	2,392,967	20,919,563	30,739,129
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	3,741,167	5,392,019	1,922,058
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	2,142,780	47,067,230	47,194,245
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	1,648,956	12,874,511	8,936,996
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	4,819,539	13,480,117	19,994,281
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	3,607,643	34,769,231	24,827,004
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	2,323,256	35,076,719	4,613,847
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	9,352,631	78,232,920	84,160,145
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	8,748,795	26,278,575	13,677,575
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	3,986,700	30,573,200	42,550,600
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA	7,520,772	43,506,808	24,512,449
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	3,947,402	31,729,726	45,470,791
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	3,542,859	30,766,980	56,920,419
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	1,666,785	7,803,732	33,802,619
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	2,325,000	7,634,148	10,949,300
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	9,370,830	57,556,512	36,373,496
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	381,000	15,476,479	24,427,597
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	5,216,424	48,752,060	93,673,798
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	9,134,449	17,239,833	22,027,344
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	5,696,934	15,479,924	15,750,954
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	1,529,637	11,021,133	21,557,882
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	6,801,768	20,929,713	29,481,196
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	8,816,772	46,442,978	51,590,205
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	3,962,760	12,106,132	11,793,676
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	4,117,275	18,573,865	30,528,896
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	6,703,558	42,907,249	28,068,801
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	1,820,325	17,043,211	16,612,080
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	3,176,007	19,336,549	8,784,888
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	2,356,303	23,008,916	32,237,867
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	5,040,768	57,248,261	34,284,252
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	834,373	8,331,275	5,959,164
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	2,142,733	25,068,876	8,320,046
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	6,581,152	22,729,080	24,650,140
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	3,095,551	7,063,621	2,273,195
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,412,136	11,863,557	15,266,097
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,249,748	6,145,988	11,624,884
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	17,400,656	62,252,360	32,817,526
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	3,240,844	12,882,255	25,396,375
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	3,919,521	13,507,929	26,590,877
135.	CANTON, OHIO	940,767	21,608,892	15,506,768
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	8,739,745	13,720,025	8,284,097
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	5,257,720	21,000,268	100,791,892
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	18,270,136	49,306,049	55,513,377
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	709,045	9,525,554	3,734,169
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	1,591,723	6,516,857	17,053,425
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	12,547,249	46,460,247	58,259,345
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	5,072,630	62,962,523	19,390,947
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	363,935	3,416,299	2,114 339
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	4,332,680	28,085,587	31,421,071
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	3,201,483	9,456,773	63,816,792
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	493,401	8,519,019	2,848,705
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	574,769	1,579,509	1,619,061
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	1,538,758	10,912,452	27,213,415
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,171,374	5,026,640	5,068,404
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	5,121,700	40,658,600	72,737,100
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	3,445,725	23,751,153	8,685,715
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,183,083	37,179,930	7,581,060
153.	PARMA, OHIO	4,068,950	7,889,350	16,928,350
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	1,756,298	15,359,388	15,354,177
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	10,669,591	78,496,679	34,085,250
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	2,296,888	9,874,745	16,879,605
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	3,319,069	23,689,121	57,962,511
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	604,513	5,571,530	20,286,528
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	8,885,087	60,435,554	30,601,419
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	1,732,826	2,333,386	1,678,949
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	3,183,149	14,938,728	28,004,454
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	5,910,639	38,994,905	48,705,218
163.	WACO, TEXAS	4,584,628	35,824,449	39,847,221
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	2,767,304	7,535,514	7,421,946
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	349,135	11,559,451	13,603,685
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	11,112,084	36,762,413	31,589,902
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	3,298,201	34,560,987	30,799,052
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	1,989,524	11,221,321	7,936,152
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	1,886,301	19,394,403	2,639,699
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	357,460	3,556,380	2,834,450
171.	SPRINGIFELD, ILLINOIS	1,328,355	9,323,351	20,801,139
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	341,000	1,524,374	4,958,412
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,998,823	4,222,220	4,748,932
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	22,064,933	101,334,828	102,695,717
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	3,389,243	10,405,935	15,569,150
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	483,615	2,767,731	3,659,026
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,680,160	17,696,296	9,956,662
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	3,451,285	24,884,593	28,114,761
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	1,812,763	22,888,216	37,790,847
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	2,364,495	15,596,048	23,850,433
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	483,555	2,534,096	4,618,261
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	2,000,733	33,611,913	31,581,129
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	296,114	3,099,976	1,824,755
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,612,055	8,275,518	8,888,367
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	6,281,175	47,496,397	38,374,558
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	426,580	1,820,760	1,539,800
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	4,653,155	14,122,058	1,901,356
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	2,775,722	8,641,946	18,335,679
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,788,767	8,076,338	13,035,640
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	9,206,306	24,004,154	43,661,848
191.	READING, PENNSTLVANIA	1,006,263	4,467,050	3,222,491
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	3,662,889	23,114,573	40,577,799
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	882,225	79,045,177	21,279,811
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	412,407	5,347,120	6,401,480
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	1,412,937	3,766,943	14,954,143
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	2,646,007	7,970,136	22,210,823
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	800,960	14,980,850	3,507,672
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	4,278,211	15,339,492	10,445,479
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	994,875	3,045,455	5,068,380
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	551,838	44,506,259	37,820,011
	TOTALS: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	2,315,891,724	12,090,361,434	11,170,653,404

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES SHOW SOME IMPROVEMENT

NEW YORK, February, 13 - - Dun & Bradstreet reports that building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities staged a moderate rebound in June following a decline in both May and April. Permit values rose to $2,455,281,668 in June, exactly 6.0 per cent above May's total of $2,315,891,724. Nonetheless, valuations were down some 11.5 per cent from their year-earlier level of $2,773,160,539.

The slowdown from the comparable June 1979 period was also seen in New York, where plans filed by builders fell a bit more than 20 per cent from year-ago, $96,371,027 versus $121,577,385. It should be noted, though, that despite this decline from year-ago, filings in the city during June were actually up 1.4 per cent compared with the previous month's pace of $95,070,499.

Permit activity in the 199 cities outside New York likewise showed a gain - - of 6.2 per cent - - from its month-ago level, as permits climbed to $2,358,910,641 from $2,220,821,225 in May. Yet, like New York, the 199 cities registered a decline in valuations from their year-earlier pace; a decline of 11 percentage points from June 1979's $2,651,583,154 activity.

Notwithstanding, some individual cities registered large (percentage) gains in permit values from both month-ago and year-ago levels. Among them were Columbus, Baltimore, Raleigh, South Bend, Tampa, Jersey City, Rochester, and Newark. The borough of Brooklyn (in New York City) likewise saw large improvements in June.

For the first six months of 1980, valuations in the 200 cities reached $14,545,643,102, which represents a 4.3 per cent increase over the first six months of 1979. During that time a year earlier, permits had reached $13,943,813,943. While aggregate figures for Houston showed a decline of 17.7 per cent, its permits still exceeded one billion dollars in the first half of 1980, big enough to keep Houston first among U.S. cities.

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2. JUNE BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES

	1980	1979	1978	1977
January.....	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475
February....	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159
March.....	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441
April.....	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353
May.....	2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958
June.....	2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861
July.....		2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619
August.....		2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131
September...		2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053
October.....		2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510
November....		2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094
December....		2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368
TOTAL		$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first six months of 1980 were:

		(Millions of Dollars) Six Months 1980	% Change Six Months 1979
1.	Houston, Texas	1,053.5	- 17.7
2.	Los Angeles, California	966.3	+ 24.2
3.	New York, New York	622.1	+ 63.6
4.	Dallas, Texas	498.6	- 4.3
5.	Chicago, Illinois	380.8	+ 17.3
6.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	372.1	+ 343.2
7.	San Francisco, California	324.9	+ 140.5
8.	Phoenix, Arizona	315.6	- 10.2
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii	262.5	+ 14.5
10.	Austin, Texas	258.5	+ 15.0
11.	San Diego, California	257.6	- 2.0
12.	Seattle, Washington	226.6	+ 16.2
13.	Washington, D.C	206.3	+ 44.8
14.	Atlanta, Georgia	206.3	- 10.4
15.	San Jose, California	186.9	- 10.2
16.	San Antonio, Texas	175.8	+ 2.8
17.	Columbus, Ohio	173.9	+ 6.0
18.	Detroit, Michigan	166.8	+ 60.4
19.	Indianapolis, Indiana	154.9	- 1.7
20.	Memphis, Tennessee	153.5	+ 62.9
21.	Baltimore, Maryland	150.5	+ 120.1
22.	Fort Worth, Texas	145.9	+ 10.6
23.	Boston, Massachusetts	139.4	- 2.7
24.	Denver, Colorado	134.9	- 15.4
25.	Jacksonville, Florida	134.1	+ 35.4

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDIN COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL A ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		JUNE 1980	SIX MONTHS 1980	SIX MONTHS 1979
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	20,903,860	357,689,900	213,667,645
	BRONX	4,648,800	31,053,150	12,826,508
	BROOKLYN	54,020,850	108,213,150	36,103,210
	QUEENS	4,888,950	76,890,522	53,249,610
	RICHMOND	11,908,567	48,277,945	64,371,436
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	96,371,027	622,124,667	380,218,409
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	58,374,539	380,826,995	324,586,919
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	168,469,078	966,287,796	778,181,070
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	47,425,835	372,070,626	83,943,288
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	11,821,817	166,804,728	103,967,166
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	95,012,822	1,053,524,681	1,279,756,921
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	38,031,547	150,521,410	68,399,294
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	51,395,229	498,566,984	520,952,666
9.	WASHINGTON, D. C.	34,646,285	206,330,741	142,525,525
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	5,428,223	48,188,534	53,547,751
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	25,983,531	154,905,767	157,639,241
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	14,051,803	76,184,222	78,069,706
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	15,845,632	324,935,259	135,083,271
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	52,923,632	257,618,164	262,983,678
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	43,383,623	175,766,340	171,007,213
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	9,951,000	139,412,100	143,294,237
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	14,102,132	153,532,386	94,234,619
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	17,124,108	76,368,182	42,541,165
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	13,697,629	69,606,574	178,397,802
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	58,562,599	315,597,893	351,461,752
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	66,318,754	173,949,820	164,109,117
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	30,924,103	226,629,831	194,960,666
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	23,790,641	134,094,298	99,010,662
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	43,388,432	97,659,022	78,906,289
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	32,468,866	134,861,821	159,346,102
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	18,020,482	71,397,638	83,511,352
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	19,573,134	206,305,003	230,226,825
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	2,764,548	16,306,010	15,200,315
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	5,811,395	89,503,199	80,160,776
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	18,631,963	82,560,712	126,153,870
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	51,402,309	186,866,105	207,985,680
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	21,608,720	111,138,762	136,789,364
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	24,695,530	145,872,190	131,937,077
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	14,119,104	49,961,821	56,450,903
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	11,919,060	123,734,280	126,894,926
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	12,284,083	21,677,371	14,105,465
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	14,027,072	117,267,047	164,935,603
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	7,670,158	71,842,405	46,064,321
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	3,117,498	23,803,915	18,481,906
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	17,262,490	65,157,517	56,678,372
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	9,847,810	38,427,446	66,604,528
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	5,073,631	98,566,789	73,173,273
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	16,080,200	127,470,778	126,910,325
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	33,942,200	262,451,904	229,165,171
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	14,825,437	100,300,945	111,412,943
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	5,680,023	76,941,180	63,672,601
47.	NORFORK, VIRGINIA	2,292,412	31,729,593	24,722,435
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	30,153,109	98,609,180	56,338,052
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	12,648,407	36,317,541	14,387,583
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	22,620,474	98,208,321	41,505,200
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	13,102,104	66,931,115	85,122,080
52.	AKRON, OHIO	2,506,712	26,163,170	21,680,134
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	9,584,600	61,950,933	103,336,404
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	15,243,900	33,076,610	9,684,181
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	13,619,755	70,990,419	145,308,944
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	46,864,450	258,476,215	224,719,141
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	10,335,630	63,601,323	23,809,356
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	17,665,956	105,504,098	150,124,074
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	2,639,381	33,982,155	49,345,057
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	19,932,235	85,687,924	67,947,948
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	12,841,997	53,164,257	45,376,438
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	19,439,732	100,127,218	90,741,777
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	543,035	11,376,817	7,782,898
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	16,234,962	33,180,493	46,007,043
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	8,334,252	60,669,319	21,219,803
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	5,404,544	9,194,928	36,509,659
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	4,796,609	21,270,462	20,287,733
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	5,948,958	87,714,805	49,141,553
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	9,486,392	43,355,476	56,593,977
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	283,863	2,046,522	3,854,670
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	2,706,800	12,346,775	14,521,875
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	7,520,761	79,982,177	32,225,313
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	1,056,778	13,760,483	7,164,860
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	7,449,023	42,994,827	70,372,580
75.	GARY, INDIANA	747,237	4,778,492	10,715,535
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	6,098,110	32,811,988	41,370,259
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	7,305,918	31,064,835	35,412,482
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	21,046,214	106,824,189	126,833,784
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	5,991,057	52,635,032	84,314,734
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	3,238,054	14,234,944	28,556,744
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	11,387,321	58,813,676	52,704,871
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	8,353,818	72,488,655	122,385,812
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	11,154,406	63,782,283	79,777,162
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	3,600,296	24,138,704	36,982,677
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	7,136,638	52,119,621	24,939,427
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	3,686,670	36,226,642	51,340,133
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	345,550	6,422,064	8,411,932
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	19,359,422	46,060,501	60,175,641
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	2,620,920	46,794,942	26,603,515
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	6,987,011	43,542,377	38,448,460
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	6,388,720	39,615,578	38,490,513
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	6,917,923	38,335,625	52,109,969
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	3,182,195	22,352,345	22,163,324
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	1,180,880	12,847,536	8,214,929
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	16,537,510	44,041,107	34,532,330
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	18,890,027	39,809,590	38,093,366
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	326,126	5,718,145	4,461,031
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	7,617,095	54,684,325	50,892,030
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	5,392,938	18,267,449	11,706,803
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	3,352,159	16,832,276	27,899,313
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	7,569,975	42,339,206	34,106,124
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	1,208,855	36,285,574	7,491,844
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	20,025,233	98,258,153	103,950,983
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	3,783,095	30,061,670	18,377,405
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	8,793,900	39,367,100	57,404,000
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR.	2,975,572	46,482,380	31,340,173
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	3,649,667	35,379,393	57,228,539
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	15,616,433	46,383,413	62,711,142
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	2,408,899	10,012,631	36,287,952
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	863,900	8,498,048	11,358,110
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	10,157,256	67,713,768	41,328,694
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	5,229,880	20,706,359	28,696,844
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	21,584,754	70,336,814	116,341,012
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	27,891,303	45,131,136	26,668,455
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	6,439,110	21,919,034	18,956,070
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	1,528,602	12,549,735	25,599,139
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	4,247,654	25,177,367	33,224,181
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	28,930,312	75,373,290	62,369,270
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	1,892,234	13,998,366	13,978,478
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	2,157,432	20,731,297	44,883,438
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	3,470,239	46,377,488	35,279,762
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	3,941,838	20,985,049	22,993,532
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	1,471,788	20,808,337	15,931,585
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF	2,326,619	25,335,535	38,789,963
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	11,869,904	69,118,165	39,951,934
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	1,123,914	9,455,189	7,405,965
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	1,710,350	26,779,226	9,268,522
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	13,294,647	36,023,727	42,034,273
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	376,100	7,439,721	2,668,080
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,173,703	13,037,260	16,768,298
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,624,735	7,770,723	12,948,368
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	1,970,224	64,222,584	49,002,004
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	2,226,557	15,108,812	33,046,447
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	3,274,893	16,782,822	36,308,321
135.	CANTON, OHIO	1,645,780	23,254,672	17,712,672
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	3,213,190	16,933,215	8,755,022
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	4,448,056	25,448,324	120,694,753
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	14,243,779	63,549,828	67,147,033
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	6,796,283	16,321,837	5,860,999
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	565,197	7,082,054	25,485,679
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	17,460,487	63,920,734	76,030,197
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	2,405,251	65,367,774	52,179,879
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	843,999	4,260,298	2,727,312
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF	8,578,234	36,663,821	33,803,529
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	2,762,229	12,219,002	69,216,725
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	1,494,683	10,013,702	3,702,761
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	54,334	1,633,843	1,672,711
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	3,338,305	14,250,757	28,039,683
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	440,289	5,466,929	6,201,667
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	11,657,300	52,315,900	110,564,300
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	1,425,910	25,177,063	12,659,123
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	13,387,829	50,567,759	15,303,223
153.	FARMA, OHIO	1,805,305	9,694,655	17,965,850
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	7,147,905	22,507,293	18,214,455
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	10,911,004	89,407,683	39,893,901
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	2,992,375	12,867,120	23,460,640
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	3,093,013	26,782,134	73,501,631
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,380,569	6,952,099	22,251,021
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	26,290,883	86,726,437	47,449,681
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	531,700	2,865,086	2,151,689
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	7,730,680	22,669,408	30,613,011
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	7,817,967	46,812,872	54,636,882
163.	WACO, TEXAS	3,535,558	39,360,007	51,586,093
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	8,198,999	15,734,513	10,483,345
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	9,365,520	20,924,971	15,946,435
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	7,676,924	44,439,337	41,628,093
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	9,678,369	44,239,356	38,629,262
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	1,342,576	12,563,897	10,756,266
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	223,224	19,617,627	6,195,931
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	448,470	4,004,850	3,365,260
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	2,678,052	12,001,403	24,341,547
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	4,091,629	5,616,003	5,164,668
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	625,590	4,847,810	6,685,620
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	12,333,275	113,668,103	150,538,200
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	1,531,422	11,937,357	17,432,876
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	296,939	3,064,670	6,188,756
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	2,078,723	19,775,019	10,859,473
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	6,626,314	31,510,907	31,677,242
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	18,865,891	41,754,107	45,808,773
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	2,802,477	18,398,525	32,537,901
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,305,435	3,839,531	10,002,696
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	3,156,754	36,768,667	39,116,503
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	657,610	3,757,586	2,256,587
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	2,881,798	11,157,316	14,345,784
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	4,139,298	51,635,695	45,184,309
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	766,356	2,587,116	2,373,800
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	829,213	14,951,271	5,552,528
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	3,390,723	12,032,669	22,277,852
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,736,733	13,813,071	16,807,964
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	8,783,510	32,787,664	51,344,340
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	522,137	4,989,187	4,799,034
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	13,431,843	36,546,416	46,846,340
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	2,447,669	81,492,846	27,632,475
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	1,567,318	6,914,438	7,538,826
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	234,683	4,001,626	16,630,652
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	6,217,165	14,187,301	23,726,389
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	495,925	15,476,775	4,519,410
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	7,394,446	22,733,938	15,456,313
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	525,125	3,570,580	5,614,580
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	4,175,082	48,681,341	38,359,265
	TOTALS: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	2,455,281,668	14,545,643,102	13,943,813,943

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